

Navajo

MEMORANDUM.

September 14, 1916.

Superintendent of Irrigation Robinson has submitted a request for information as to the availability of the funds appropriated for the development of wells of the Navajo Indians on the Navajo Reservation for use upon the northern portion of the reservation, commonly designated as the "Moqui Reservation". This latter, as I understand it, has been set aside for the use of the Moquis and Navajos and the portion of the reservation where the contemplated development will be carried on is occupied solely by the Navajos and many miles from the furtherest range of the Moqui Indians. According to the last Commissioner's report there were 2193 Moqui (or Hopi) Indians and 2000 Navajos, although from statements from the Superintendent, I understand that 2400 will be nearer correct, Navajo census. The development of water in the locality being considered is urgently needed and has been recommended by all the inspecting officials visiting the reservation and if this can be done while the well rigs are in the vicinity, as they are now, a very great saving in expense will be effected.

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 Mr Connor said Mr
 Swett considered the
 Navajo well fund available
 for this work. FHS

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